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13 Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
14 Washington, DC 20231

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16 Sir:17 **RESPONSIVE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 13, 2002**18
19 **IN THE SPECIFICATION -**

20 At page 5 please enter amended lines 8 and 9 to read,

21 Jig 10 comprises a circular hoop 11 having a plurality of spaced ribs or radii 12. Here
 22 eight are shown. The number of radii may be larger or smaller than eight, as may be desired.
 23 Spaced preferably uniformly along the length of each of the radii is a series of guide pins, 13
 24 which pins serve to retain the thatch material in place during the course of the weaving process.
 25 If the radii are metal stamps or extrusions, the guide pins 13 may be attached to the metal radii
 26 as by welding, brazing, gluing or any other known means of securing. The radii may also be
 27 wood struts, in which case the guide pins can be attached as by nailing, screwing, or gluing. The
 28 hoop 11 is most appropriately metal such as flexible steel or aluminum though wood or plastic
 29 construction is also contemplated.

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31 **IN THE CLAIMS -**

32 The claims are 1-8.

33 Please replace claim 1 with new claim 9.